REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 12, and 15-17 were rejected under 35 USC §§ 102 as being anticipated by

Marmel, Elaine, Microsoft Project 2000 Bible (IDG Books Worldwide, Inc.,© 2000). Claims 2,

4-11, and 13-14 were previously canceled.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy which was extended during the February 20, 2007

telephonic Examiner Interview between Applicant's counsel, Timothy K. Klintworth, the

inventor, William C. Dodge, and Examiner Doug Hutton. During that interview, the 35 USC §§

102 rejections were discussed in light of Marmel, Elaine, Microsoft Project 2000 Bible (IDG

Books Worldwide, Inc.,© 2000). Both Applicant's counsel and the inventor asserted that the

Microsoft Project 2000 Bible reference does not disclose the limitation in independent claim 1 of

"limiting the displaying of the one or more tasks outside of the selected set of data only to those

one or more tasks associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks within the selected set of

data", nor does it disclose the limitation in independent claim 12 of "limiting the displaying of

the one or more tasks outside of the subset of data only to those one or more tasks associated

with at least one of the plurality of tasks associated with the subset of data." Applicant's counsel

and the inventor pointed out that the Microsoft Project 2000 Bible reference only discloses the

linking of tasks outside of the selected set of data, but does not disclose the claims' requirements

of limited displaying of the tasks outside of the selected set of data which are associated with the

tasks within the selected set of data. (See Microsoft Project 2000 Bible, Chapter 17, Pages 466-

468). Moreover, Applicant's counsel and the inventor pointed out that the actual software for the

Microsoft Project 2000 does not display the tasks outside of the selected set of data which are

associated with the tasks within the selected set of data as required for under the claims. The

Examiner maintained his position, but stated that he would reconsider his position if Applicant

provided him with printed pages of the Microsoft Project 2000 Software which establish that the Microsoft 2000 Project Bible Reference is missing the referenced limitations of independent claims 1 and 12. Applicant's counsel stated that he would file a Response After Final with printed pages of the Microsoft Project 2000 Software to establish that the Microsoft 2000 Project Bible Reference is missing the referenced limitations of independent claims 1 and 12.

In accordance with the Examiner Interview, Applicant has attached to this Response as Exhibit 1, printed pages of what is actually displayed to a user who uses the actual Microsoft Project 2000 Software, to which the Microsoft 2000 Project Bible pertains. These exemplary pages establish that the Microsoft 2000 Project does not disclose the referenced limitations of independent claims 1 and 12. In particular, Figure 1 of Exhibit 1 shows a Pert Chart view of Project using the software application "Microsoft Project 2000." In this view, as shown by Figure 1, all activities and all relationships between all activities are displayed of an entire project.

Figure 2 of Exhibit 1 shows a Pert Chart view of the same project where the selected activities are those activities that contain a resource called "Drafter 1." In this view, as shown by Figure 2, only those activities that have the resource "Drafter 1" are displayed, and the only relationships displayed are between those activities that have the resource "Drafter 1" both as a predecessor and as a successor. This view clearly does not meet the limitations of claims 1 and 12 of displaying the tasks outside of the selected set of data which are associated with the tasks within the selected set of data, as the only tasks which are displayed are the tasks in the selected set of data, and no tasks outside of the selected set of data which are associated with the tasks within the selected set of data are displayed.

These exemplary pages establish that the Microsoft 2000 Project does not disclose the limitations of claims 1 and 12 of displaying the tasks outside of the selected set of data which are associated with the tasks within the selected set of data. As a result, independent claims 1 and 12 are believed to be in condition for allowance.
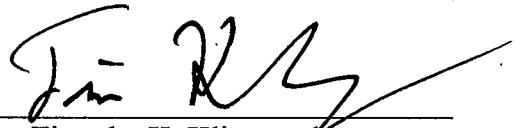
Dependent claims 3, and 15-17 each depend from one of independent claims 1 and 12, and add additional limitations. As a result, dependent claims 3, and 15-17 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3, 12, and 15-17 is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference is necessary.

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